

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is in response to the non-final Office Action of June 16, 2005. The due date for response extends to September 16, 2005. Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful review of this application. Applicants amend independent claims 1, 10, 15 and dependent claims 3, 14, 18, 19, and 20. Claims 11, 12, 16, and 17 have been canceled. The amended claims introduce no new matter and are fully supported by the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of pending claims 1-10, 13-15, and 18-20.

Anticipation Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sharpe et al. Patent No. 6,094,600. This rejection is traversed, and Applicants request reconsideration.

In contrast with the recited features in the independent claims 1, 10, and 15 as amended herein, Sharpe et al. does not disclose that its “database management system” actively “obtains” device data from the physical devices that are connected with the “system.” Specifically, there is no disclosure that the “system” actually includes an operation or instruction that “obtains” device data from the attached physical devices during their operation. The “system” as disclosed in Sharpe et al. is a database that passively receives data from physical devices that send device data to the “system” unlike the claimed invention which includes a code segment that allows a “telematics system” to “obtain” device data from the physical devices. Furthermore, Sharpe et al. does not disclose that the “device data” sent from the physical devices linked to the “system” is configured to be generated by the manipulation of the physical device controls of the physical devices themselves, as recited in the

Applicants' amended independent claims. Specifically, the Sharpe et al. reference only discloses a "database management system" that manages "device data" generated from linked passive monitoring "measurement devices" (i.e., temperature gauge, pressure gauge, flow meter, etc.) not device data created when the settings of linked physical devices are changed as a result of the manipulation of the physical device control of the physical devices (See Sharpe et al. column 1, lines 17-20 and 33 – 40). Finally, the Sharpe et al. reference does not disclose that the "database management system" can be used in conjunction with a telematics system type of application as recited in the Applicants' independent claims. Specifically, the "database management system" as disclosed in the reference is utilized only in connection with "a process" such as a "manufacturing or refinery process" and not "interfaced with" a telematics system as claimed by the Applicants.

For at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submits that Shar-pe et al. fails to anticipate Applicants' independent claims 1, 10, and 15 and the claims that depend, directly or indirectly, from them. Applicants respectfully requests this rejection be withdrawn.

Additionally, Applicants respectfully submits that the invention as claimed cannot be rendered obvious by the combined teachings of the Sharpe et al. reference with the other cited art. There is simply no suggestion or motivation for a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings from the art of record with the Sharpe et al. reference to arrive at the invention claimed.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Roger C. Kuan at (408) 749-6900, ext 6927.

If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP152). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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